

Remarks & Arguments

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 12-20, 31-38 and 52-64 are pending in the application, that Claims 12-20 and 31-38 are allowed, that Claims 57 and 58 are objected to but would be allowable if re-written in independent form, and that Claims 52-64 are rejected. By this amendment, Claims 52, 58 and 59 have been amended, and Claims 57, 63 and 64 have been canceled without prejudice. Thus, Claims 12-20, 31-39, 52-56 and 58-62 are pending in the application. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter to the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Claim Objections

Claims 60-65 have been renumbered as Claims 59-65 in accordance with the Examiners instructions. Accordingly, Applicants request that the claim objections be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 52-56 and 59-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,898,831 to Hall and U.S. Patent No. 6,828,902 to Casden.

The Examiner has kindly noted that Claims 57 and 58 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Accordingly, the Applicants have amended independent Claim 52 to include the allowable limitations of Claim 57. Applicants therefore request that the obviousness rejection of Claims 52-56 and 58 be withdrawn and that Claims 52-56 and 58 be allowed.

Applicants have also amended independent **Claim 59** to substantially include the allowable limitations recited in Claims 57 and 58. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claims 59-62 are patentable over Hall in view of Casden. Accordingly, Applicants request that the obviousness rejection of Claims 59-62 be withdrawn and that Claim 59-62 be allowed.

Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 504160. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to

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charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 504160.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Gash", is written over a horizontal line.

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